

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second



SUNDAY

IN LENT

Second Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2011



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Kay Lyn Case in honor of Mia's birthday and by John, Katie, and Josh Gielarowski in honor of Joe's 15th birthday.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by Laurie Coleman in memory of her Loved Ones.

A Special Door Offering will be taken TODAY for Rachael Quinlan, our college student studying for church work at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Rachael is a senior this year and will be graduating in May with a B.A. in Elementary Education, a major in Language Arts, a minor in Early Childhood Education, and a Lutheran Teaching Diploma. She will, however, be completing her student teaching this coming fall before she will be eligible for a call. Rachael would like the congregation members to know what a blessing their generous gifts have been in her life for these past four years.

Make plans to attend the **Sacred Concert** at Zion Lutheran featuring the A Capella & Chamber Choirs of Lutheran Northwest High School. The concert is free and will be held this Saturday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m.

There is still a need for housing for the young people coming on March 26th to perform for us. Please contact the church office if you are able to house a few of the students.

Please participate in our **Soap Collection** for Lutheran World Relief. Donate a bar of soap throughout February and March in its original wrapping (4-5 oz. is suggested) by leaving it in the church narthex or greenhouse area. **166 bars of soap have already been collected!** Let's make sure to reach our goal of 200 bars donated by the end of March.

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

This week, we begin a 3-part Sermon Series on the "Bread of Life" discourse from the second half of John 6. There are several reasons why I think we should spend three weeks on one of Jesus' most important sermons in John's gospel:

- 1) I'd like to have more than one week to study this text personally.
- 2) The text is too long to handle in one week to do it justice.
- 3) This text is one of the most important in the Gospel of John; all but 12 people leave Jesus after he says what he says. It's important that we know and understand this transformational text!

The teaching of this text, that Jesus is the bread of life, couldn't come at a better time! I was asked at a Bible Study at a local retirement home this week: why did God hit Japan with that earthquake and tsunami? The answer, of course, is that he did not. The earthquake and tsunami are the natural result of sin being in the world... sin that Adam and Eve let in through their disobedience in the garden, and sin that we perpetuate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. But the answer is also that God HAS DONE SOMETHING ABOUT IT! He sent His Son, Jesus to pay the penalty our sins deserved and give us eternal life. He also has promised to send His Son, Jesus again to completely undo the results of sin in the whole of creation. We look forward to the return of Jesus and the close of this age, when we will begin to enjoy life in a creation where there is no sin... no earthquakes, no tsunamis... only life with Jesus in the company of the saints.

Our prayer for Japan is the prayer found at the end of the Bible: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus."

-Pastor Duncan

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The Divine Service

The Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

(please stand)

Opening Hymn: Fight the Good Fight

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The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Pastor: I confess to God Almighty and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I have failed to do what is right and have willfully chosen to do what is wrong. I have dishonored my Lord. Wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

People: **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

People: **I confess to God Almighty and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I have failed to do what is right and have willfully chosen to do what is wrong. I have dishonored my Lord. Wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

People: **Amen.**

Psalm 5

Leader: Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning.

People: Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

Leader: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

People: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

Leader: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

People: You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

Leader: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

People: I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Leader: Lead me, I Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

People: For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction;

Leader: Their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

People: Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

Leader: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let the, ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

People: For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

The Collect

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God whose Son assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death, strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ increase daily and we hold fast the hope that we shall not die but fall asleep and on the last day be raised to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 11:1-9

And the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes, and when the Lord heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp.

Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the Lord, and the fire died down. So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the Lord burned among them.

Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. When the dew fell upon the camp at night, the manna fell with it.

The New Testament Lesson: Revelation 2:12-17

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: “The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. I know where you dwell, there Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. So also you have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.

(Out of respect for our Lord Jesus Christ, please rise)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th Chapter

People: **(sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

The Gospel: John 6:22-34

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food

that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work will you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) Praise be to thee, O Christ!

(Please be seated)

The Children’s Message (10:30)

The Sermon Hymn: O Dearest Jesus 439 vs. 1-2,5,15

Sermon

(Please stand)

The Creed: Apostles’ Creed 192

The Offertory: Create in Me 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Collection of the Offering

(Please stand)

The Prayer of the Church

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Service of the Sacrament (208)

Pastor: As we approach the Lord's Table, may the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

The Sharing of the Peace.

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

The Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- **We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.**
- **We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.**
- **We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.**
- **We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.**

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

On Eagle's Wings	727
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table	618
Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	637

Benediction

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen!**

The Recessional: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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The Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Elikier
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Jim Neill and David Hutula
The Acolytes:	Missy Radovich and Ryan Harris
The Greeters:	Bob & Bernice Deboe and Mark & Laurie Coleman
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Wayne Oechslein, & Larry Zreliak and Richard Quinlan, Robert Oelschlager, & Ross Chilcott
Altar Guild:	Janet and Marian Oelschlager

WEEK OF March 20-27, 2011

SUNDAY 3/20	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary) 9:15 AM – Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary)
MONDAY 3/21	6:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Undercroft) 6:00 PM – 7 th Grade Confirmation (Conference Room) 7:00 PM – 8 th Grade Confirmation (Conference Room)
TUESDAY 3/22	8:00 PM – Women’s Bible Study (Church Basement)
WEDNESDAY 3/23	7:00 PM –Lenten Service
THURSDAY 3/24	10:00 AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY 3/25	
SATURDAY 3/26	7:00 PM – Sacred Concert (Sanctuary)
SUNDAY 3/27	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary) 9:15 AM – Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary)

OUR ATTENDANCE:

Last Sunday	176
Lent Mid-Week Service	77
Bible Class	34

OUR OFFERINGS:

Last Sunday	\$6,289.00
Lent Mid-Week Service	\$684.00
Year to Date	\$176,482.39